



Empowering People to Change the World

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Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Tim 1:17)

Eternal: an age, a cycle (of time), especially of the present age as contrasted with the future age, and of one of a series of ages stretching to infinity.

Immortal: undecaying, imperishable, indestructible, incorruptible

Invisible: unseen, invisible to the physical

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. (1 Col 1:16)

Wise: skilled, learned, cultivated, clever

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you just keep looking at each other?" He continued, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die." ... So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also. Genesis 42:1-2, 5

There are four reasons we miss out on God's provision during times of crisis.

1. We forget that God is eternal (*an age, a cycle of time, especially of the present age as contrasted with the future age, and of one of a series of ages stretching to infinity*).

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. (2 Peter 3:8)

Since God is Eternal, He plays the long game not the short.

2. We forget that God is immortal (*undecaying, imperishable, indestructible, incorruptible*).

God's plans will prevail with or without us.

3. We forget that God is invisible (*unseen, invisible to the physical but not to the spiritual*).

Just because God is invisible, doesn't mean He's not present.

4. We forget that God is wise (*skilled, learned, cultivated, clever*).

I (Paul) thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Tim 1:12-17)